



Happy New Year!

I hope that 2018 has started well for everyone - it certainly has been a successful start at school. The children have all settled back into school life after the excitement of Christmas and are enjoying their new topics.

Lower School: 'Time Team' - learning about life in the Stone Age
 Year 5: 'Infinity and Beyond' - learning about space and the solar system.

Year 6: 'What a Shock' - learning about electricity and robots!

As always, if you need to speak to us about your children, please take advantage of our 'Open Door Policy' and meetings can be arranged or just pop in for a quick chat!

Internet Safety

It would appear that an increasingly large number of children at school are opening Snapchat accounts and that some inappropriate comments are being shared.

Please can I remind everyone that there is an age restriction of 13 years of age on these accounts. Children under this age are deemed not to be 'emotionally ready' for this type of social media.

As part of our computing curriculum, we regularly talk about internet safety and the need to use computers and other devices responsibly. Please would you also reinforce these messages at home with your children and make the time to check which accounts your child have and who they are communicating with whilst online.

Age Restrictions On Social Media					
13	14	16	17	18	18
Twitter Facebook Instagram Pinterest Google+ Tumblr Reddit Snapchat	LinkedIn	WhatsApp	Vine Tinder	Path	(13 with parents consent) YouTube Keek Foursquare WeChat Kik Flickr

STAY SAFE ONLINE

DIARY DATES

Mon 15 th Jan	Deadline for Year 2 parents to apply for a Year 3 place for Sept 2018
Tues 16 th Jan	PTA Tea and cakes event in the hall at 3:25pm
Tues 16 th Jan	Young Voices meeting for parents at 4:15pm
Thur 18 th Jan	Year 4-6 Futsal Tournament (letters for children involved have been sent home today)
Thur 18 th Jan	Year 5 trip to Winchester Science Centre
Thur 18 th Jan	PTA Bag2school Event (details to follow)
Tues 30 th Jan	Young Voices Concert at the O2 arena in London - children leaving at 11:30am
Tues 30 th Jan	Fire Service visiting Year 5
Tues 30 th Jan	Year 6 trip to the Gilbert White Centre
Thur 1 st Feb	PTA Disco (Details to follow)
Thur 1 st Feb	Athletics Tournament at Samuel Cody for Year 5 and 6 (details to follow for selected children)
Thur 1 st Feb	Lower School trip to Butser Farm
Mon 5 th Feb	Inter-house netball / basketball event
Thur 8 th Feb	Last day of half term (finish 3:25pm)
Fri 9 th Feb	INSET DAY
Mon 12 th - Fri 16 th	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Mon 19 th Feb	School opens for Spring 2 term
Thur 1 st March	World Book Day
Thur 1 st March	Notification of Year 7 2018 secondary school places
21 st - 23 rd March	Year 4 Residential trip to Calshot
Thur 22 nd March	Year 3 / 4 Tag Rugby Festival at Samuel Cody
Fri 23 rd March	Sport Relief Day
Wed 28 th March	Inter-house orienteering event
Thur 29 th March	Finish for Easter holiday at 1:30pm
Mon 16 th April	Summer term starts

PTA News

Next Tuesday, the PTA would like to invite you all to a 'Tea and Cakes' event to find out more about the work that they do to fundraise for the school and provide enjoyable events for your children to attend. If you are interested in joining the PTA, helping out at events, or just finding out more, then please pop into the school hall for some refreshments and a chat.



In addition to this event, your child should have brought home a Bag2school bag and letter today. Please fill the bag with unwanted clothing and return to school on Thursday 18th January to raise funds.

Parking

This week, I received an email from one of our neighbours where concerns were raised about the parking in Birchett Road at the beginning and end of the school day. A number of photos taken at different times and days were attached. Whilst there was an appreciation that parking is difficult at all schools, I think you will agree that the level of parking on green spaces is inconsiderate and not acceptable. Please can I ask that you respect our local environment and the residents living near us. Parking permits for use at Blunden Hall can be obtained from the school office.



Head lice

This week, we have again been advised that a parent has found head lice in their child's hair. Please do ensure that you check your child's hair regularly - we have circulated the letter again via email today.